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SUBJ: PROPOSED TRANSFER OF PNG AMBASSADOR TO NEW YORK

- 1. FIRST ASST SEC SABUMEI OF DFAT TOLD ME TODAY THAT GPNG IS CONSIDERING MOVING AMBASSADOR MATANE FROM WASHINGTON TO NEW YORK BUT CONTINUING HIS ACCREDITATION TO WASHINGTON. SABUMEI SAID GPNG BELIEVES IT SHOULD FOCUS MORE ATTENTION ON ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND BELIEVES THE UN IS THE BEST PLACE TO DO SO. BEFORE MAKING A FIRM DECISION THE GPNG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE REACTION OF THE USG. THE GPNG WOULD PLAN TO MAINTAIN ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HEADED BY A CHARGE' OF COUNSELOR RANK.
- 2. I TOLD SABUMEI THAT USG WOULDREGARD THIS AS A MATTER FOR THE GPNG TO DECIDE BUT IF HE WISHED I WOULD RAISED QUESTION WITH WASHINGTON. HE ASKED ME TO DO SO AS GPNG WILL NOT MAKE A FINAL DECISION UNTIL IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE USG HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH THE IDEA.
- 3. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD FROM OTHERS IN THE GPNG THAT THERE IS SOME CONCERN HERE THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE PNG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE US AMBASSADOR IN PORT MORESBY. WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS THE REASON FOR SABUMEI'S REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES FROM WASHINGTON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE GIVE ME LANGUAGE FOR A REPLY TO SABUMEI AS TO THE USG REACTION TO MOVING THE PNG AMBASSADOR

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